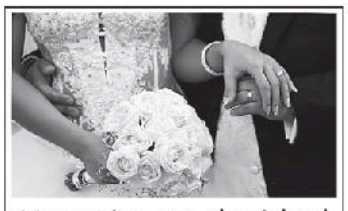
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PE teacher assists woman deliver baby girl in city Park

▶ Takes instructions from doctor over mobile phone

▶ Both mother and new-born safe, shifted to hospital

*PIC. 1: **Shobha taking instructions from doctor over phone.** PIC. 2: **Helping the woman deliver.** PIC. 3: **Two other women join Shobha.** PIC. 4: **Shobha proudly holds the new-born.***

Mysuru, Mar.9 (MTY&SSV)- Everyone were surprised when 'Rancho,' a character in Bollywood blockbuster *'3 Idiots,'* successfully assisted his College Principal's daughter to deliver a baby by taking instructions from a doctor over skype.

A similar feat was successfully achieved by a Physical Education (PE) teacher by assisting a tribal woman to deliver a baby girl, after taking oral directions from a doctor on mobile phone, at a public park opposite Mini Vidhana Soudha in city this morning.

The Good Samaritan is **Shobha Kumari (Prakash),** PE teacher-Grade I at Government High School, Navilooru, Nanjangud Taluk and wife of Annambira P. Prakash, an ASI.

This incident has happened just 24 hours after International Women's Day celebrations on Mar. 8.

Details: Mallige, a nine-month pregnant lady, aged 35 years and hailing from a tribal village near Gonikoppal, Kodagu, had come to city along with two kids, a boy and a girl, aged eight and six years respectively, to visit a temple. She had brought with her the 'Thayi' card that had details of her pregnancy and other medical information.

As she came near Mini Vidhana Soudha, Mallige developed delivery pain and went inside the public park nearby. Unable to bear pain, she started crying for help. Seeing their mother in tears, two small kids also began weeping. The owners of petty shops around the park peeped inside to see a woman sleeping on the ground and writhing in pain. First, they thought that she was trying to commit suicide. After going near the iron railings of the park, they learnt she was in labour pain. Since most of the shop-keepers were male, they could not help her. But some of them informed 108 Ambulance and local Police seeking immediate help.

At that time, Shobha Prakash was going on her two-wheeler to Sub-Urban Bus Stand to catch a bus to Nanjangud. Seeing the crowd inside the park, she stopped her vehicle, and went inside the park out of curiosity. Seeing a lady in labour pain, she also called up 108.

In the meantime, a person in the crowd called his doctor-friend to inform about it. The doctor, immediately asked whether there was any lady around.

(See BABY on page 6)

Shobha, the Good Samaritan

Sharing her experience, Shobha Prakash said it was her first experience of assisting a woman in delivery. "Initially, I was petrified but the doctor gave me confidence. I might have been late for school today for which I have no regrets. I am happy that I saved two lives."

ACB sleuths raid three Officers in Mysuru

▶ Gold utensils, expensive watches found

▶ Raiding teams stay in city lodges as tourists

Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths perusing documents during the raid at an officer's residence this morning.

Mysuru/Bengaluru, Mar. 9 (RK & BCT)- In a massive pre-dawn swoop, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths conducted raids at the residences and offices of nine Government officials across Karnataka including Mysuru, Bengaluru, Belagavi, Chikkaballapura and Yadgir.

As per initial reports, cash, jewellery, expensive watches and gold utensils have been found in the raids conducted in Mysuru. However, ACB sources are tight-lipped about the exact value of the seizures and said the details of movable and immovable properties would be revealed later.

(See RAID on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 9th March 2021

New team of SIRC of ICAI, Mysuru

The Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Mysuru Branch, has elected new office-bearers for the year 2021-22. The newly elected Chairman of the Mysuru Branch CA M.G. Kumara *(seated)* ***is seen with other office-bearers —*** *(standing from left)* ***CA A. Vishwanatha - SICASA Chairman; CA Vasudeva Rao - Treasurer; CA C.S. Raghuveer - Vice-Chairman and CA Raghunandan Rao - Secretary.***

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As the world marks International Women's Day (Mar. 8) in the midst of a global pandemic, one stark fact is clear: the COVID-19 crisis has a woman's face. The pandemic is worsening already deep inequalities facing women and girls, erasing years of progress towards gender equality. As we recover from this crisis, we must chart a path to an inclusive, green and resilient future. I call on all leaders to put in place six key building blocks:

First, ensure equal representation — from company boards to Parliaments, from higher education to public institutions — through special measures and quotas. Second, invest significantly in the care economy and social protection, and redefine Gross Domestic Product to make work in the home visible and counted. Third, remove barriers to women's full inclusion in the economy, including through access to the labour market, property rights and targeted credit and investments.

Fourth, repeal all discriminatory laws in all spheres — from labour and land rights to personal status and protections against violence. Fifth, each country should enact an emergency response plan to address violence against women and girls, and follow through with funding, policies, and political will to end this scourge. Sixth, shift mindsets, raise public awareness and call out systemic bias. The world has an opportunity to leave behind generations of entrenched and systemic discrimination. It is time to build an equal future.

— Antonio Guterres in Hindustan Times

NEWS SPARKLERS

A perfect place for pandemic retreat

Germany : An artificial island on Lake Steinhude in the Hanover region of northwestern Germany called Wilhelmstein Island, looks like the perfect place to isolate during a pandemic.

The story of Wilhelmstein Island began in 1761, when Count Wilhelm von Schaumburg-Lippe, ruler of the County of Schaumburg-Lippe-Bückeburg and an important military commander in the Seven Years' War, ordered the construction of a military fortress in the middle of Steinhude Meer, the largest lake in northern Germany.

Today, Wilhelmstein Island remains one of the most beautiful attractions in all of Germany. After reaching it by boat, tourists can visit the old fortress turned into a museum, take tour of the island, or simply take in the beautiful scenery. The island also offers accommodation, if you plan on spending more than a day there.

Puppy born with six legs and two tails

Oklahoma: A puppy with six legs has been born in the US - and vets are describing her as a "miracle". It's believed that Skipper was supposed to have a twin, but they failed to completely split apart... meaning she has twice as many body parts from the waist down.

Although she has just one head and chest, she's got two pelvic regions, two reproductive systems, and two tails and veterinarians say they haven't been able to find any published case studies of a puppy being born alive with her congenital condition.

Skipper was born in Oklahoma City on Feb. 16 and 10 days later, she was described as "strong and determined". Because her condition is congenital as opposed to genetic, vets are optimistic that Skipper has a good life ahead of her.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Provide healthy Calories for your kids

All calories are not the same,one hundred calories coming from almonds have fibre, healthy fat, and nutrients. One hundred calories from candy mostly comes from sugar without any nutritional value, these are empty calories. Eat real food!!!

By Syeda Shifain Fathima - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Telomeres, little caps at the ends of a DNA strand, shorten as we age. The process can be accelerated by poor diet, lack of exercise and especially stress. Long-term care-givers have been found to have shorter telomeres than non-caregivers, as well as shorter lifespans. Meditation and yoga can be greatly beneficial.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 7	MAR. 8
Day's Positive Cases	11	7
Total Positive Cases	54,202	54,209
Day's Discharges	24	13
Total Discharges	53,028	53,041
Day's Deaths	0	1
Total Deaths	1,034	1,035
Total Active Cases	140	133

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Police patrolling intensified in Kadakola Industrial Area

Bengaluru, Mar.9- Maintaining that the Government has come to know of the menace of alcoholics and other illegal activities going on in Kadakola Industrial Area, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that Mysuru South Police Station and Kadakola Police Outpost have been asked to intensify patrolling in the Industrial area and surrounding villages.

Replying to a query by MLC Sandesh Nagaraj in the Legislative Council recently, Bommai said that measures have been taken to ensure maintenance of Law and Order and prevention of any untoward incidents in Kadakola Industrial area and surrounding areas.

Pointing out that the two jurisdictional Police Stations have been asked to intensify round-the-clock patrolling in the Industrial area, he said that Police personnel have been directed to be always alert and take necessary measures for prevention of any sort of crimes.

REALLY...?

- ***The world's most expensive coffee can cost more than $600 a pound.***
- ***Finland is home to the biggest coffee lovers.***
- ***Coffee drinkers tend to live longer.***
- ***The largest cup of coffee ever filled a 9-foot tall cup.***
- ***The word "coffee" comes from the Arabic word for "wine."***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *What is the tension? Did you forget Hall Ticket? Or ID card or something else.*

Raju: *Not that teacher. I brought tomorrow's COPY today !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.10
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.42
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.90
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.81

VOICE OF THE READER

Trauma Care Centre

Well-prepared for influx of patients

Sir,

I had gone to the Trauma Care Centre on KRS road for taking my vaccine shot. The new centre was well-prepared for the influx of patients.

Proper arrangements were in place for registration, chairs were placed in queue, facilitating senior citizens to sit and proceed with registration.

There were four rooms for vaccination, each with an attendant to guide the patient, with a nice waiting area. Post-vaccination areas were two large halls with a bed in each and lots of chairs, with a doctor, nurse, emergency medicines etc.

The doctors, nurses and all the staff were smiling and courteous, hats off to them and the health department.

—Prof. D.S. Ramakrishna Rao
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Giant coconut Shivalinga opens for public darshan

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (YDS&BCT)- A 21-foot-tall Shivalinga made out of coconuts that will be the prime attraction during the Mahashivarathri celebrations in city this year is open for public viewing from yesterday.

Alanahalli branch of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya has undertaken this project. The Shivalinga has been prepared by those artists who make tableau during Dasara procession. As many as 20 artists have used 8,000 coconuts for this project and the height of Shivalinga is 21-ft and 18-ft width.

The giant Shivalinga will be on public display from Mar. 8 till Mar. 13 from 6 am to 10 pm at Lalitha Mahal Grounds. The Shivalinga was inaugurated by MLA S.A. Ramdas. Impressed by the structure, Ramdas said that the Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya was spreading the message of peace and brotherhood.

"Brahma Kumari movement lays emphasis on the fact that a human being is the embodiment of seven qualities — knowledge, purity, peace, love, happiness, bliss and power. Like peace, happiness is an innate quality; there is no medicine like happiness. You have to make others happy to experience it yourself," Ramdas said.

"You offer a range of educational programmes in moral and spiritual values aimed at building a greater awareness of the worth and dignity of the human beings. You have a vision of a world where everyone lives in harmony with others and the natural world," he added.

The inaugural event was presided over by Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji. MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Mandya branch chief convener of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya Brahma Kumari B.K. Sharada, Hassan branch chief convener B.K. Meena, Corporator Roopa and others were present.

Discourses daily evening

March 9: Paramatmanannu Guruthisuvudu Hege?

March 10: Rajayoga Abhyasada Vidhana Mattu Prapthi

March 11: Nirupayuktha Swabhava Samskaragalannu Parivarthane maaduva bage

March 12: Saphalatheya Sopaanagalu

'Hara Hara Mahadeva Shiva Shambo'

Rare choreography in praise of Lord Shiva on Mar. 11

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC) and Kalandhika Academy of Arts, Mysuru, will be presenting 'Hara Hara Mahadeva Shiva Shambo,' a rare choreography in praise of Lord Shiva as part of Shivarathri celebrations.

The event will be inaugurated by Vidu. Dr. Jyothi Shankar, a renowned scholar, who will also be delivering a talk on 'Shivarathri Mahima (Significance of Shivarathri).'

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will present her latest choreography 'Hara Hara Mahadeva Shiva Shambo' in Vasundhara Bani based on the compositions in praise of Lord Shiva.

The following highly talented artistes will take part in the choreography of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy along with Dr. Vasundhara: Sujay Shanbhag, Premitha Govind, Deepthi Ganesh, C.S. Pooja, N. Anusha Raj, Sinchana Lokesh, Namrata Jois, Gowri B. Rajendra, Apeksha G. Devannur, Sanvi Udupa, Chaithanya Shadakshari, Medhini and S. Chinmayee.

Accompanying artistes (credits) are Vidu. Deepthi Srinath (vocal), Vid. Hanumantharaju (mridanga) and Vid. Rakesh Sudhir (flute).

The event will be held between 6 pm and 9 pm on the day of Shivarathri — Mar. 11 at 'Vasundhara Bhavan,' 8th Main, 8th Cross, Kamakshi Hospital Road.

The admission to the event is by invitation and free for art-lovers, according to a press release from VPAC Programme Coordinator T.R. Harish.

35-ft. fibre-steel Shiva statue in B'luru

Bengaluru, Mar. 9 (UNI)- A 35-ft Shiva statue has been installed by eight artists at the Red Field Ground in Wilson Garden in Bengaluru yesterday.

The organisation, Vimochana Welfare Trust, has planned a week-long event at the Red Field Ground in Wilson Garden where devotees will offer prayers to the giant fibre-and-steel Shiva, made at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh.

D.V. Harish, a member of the Trust, on Monday said the statue was built to radiate positive energy to stop the second wave of Coronavirus, in whose shadows this year's Mahashivarathri will be celebrated.

"The statue has been built based on designs suggested by Vaastu experts and has looks different from other statues of Lord Shiva. The Vaastu elements are aimed at destroying the virus through the positive energy it emits," he said.

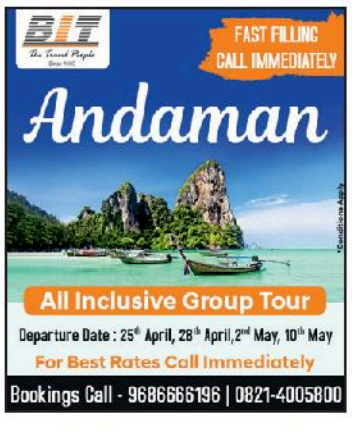
Harish stated that the statue is open to public viewing from Mar. 8 to 14. The organisers have lined up a series of cultural and spiritual events, where artistes will perform music and dance. The night-long event is expected to lure more crowds. Several spiritual leaders and celebrities are expected to take part.

Mahashivarathri at Palace temple

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Special pujas will be conducted at Trinayaneshwara Swamy Temple in the Palace premises and the idol with adorned with Golden Mask (Chinnada Kolaga) on Mar. 11 as part of Mahashivarathri, under the aegis of Palace Muzrai Temple Manager's Office. Arrangements have been made for special puja, abhisheka and prasada distribution. Devotees can visit the temple from 6 am onwards. Similarly, elaborate arrangements have been made for special puja, abhisheka, prasada distribution and cultural programmes at Sri Kamakameshwari Temple, Ramanuja road in city on the same evening.

Nanjangud Srikanteshwara Jathra Mahotsava from Mar. 19

Mysuru, Mar. 9- On the occasion of Dodda Jathra Mahotsava of Nanjangud Srikanteshwara temple, the rituals and religious programmes will be held from Mar. 19 to Mar. 30. Gowthama Pancha Maha Rathotsava will be held on Mar. 26 between 6 am and 7 am and Teppotsava will be held on Mar. 28 at 7 pm.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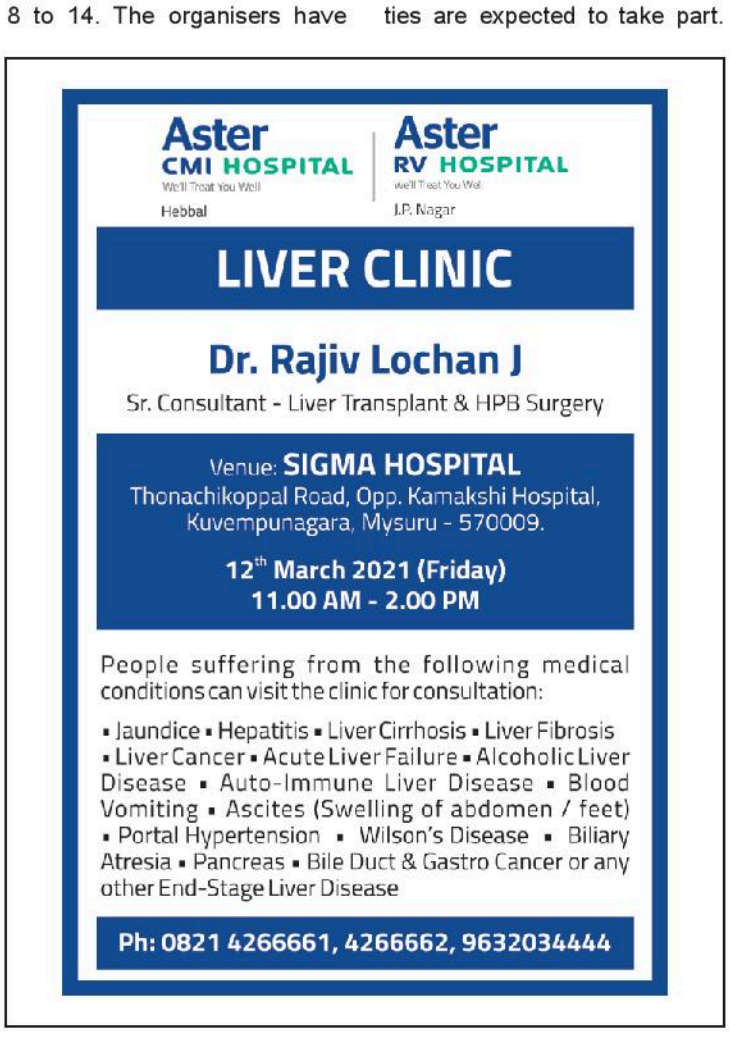
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Mar. 10) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Judicial Layout, R.T. Nagar, Kergalli, Ramanahundi, Badagalahundi, Nanjarajanahundi and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC V.V. Mohalla Division.

KDP meeting postponed

The district-level Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) progress review meeting, which was scheduled to be held at the Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) on Mar. 10, has been postponed to Mar. 17, according to a press release from the ZP President Parimala Shyam.

No meat sale

As part of Mahashivarathri celebrations, all the slaughter houses and meat stalls coming under the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits have been asked to down their shutters on Mar. 11, according to a press release from the MCC Commissioner.

Library Supervisor

The office of the Tagaduru Gram Panchayat (GP), Nanjangud taluk, has invited applications for the post of Supervisor in GP Library. Those interested may obtain the prescribed application form from the Tagaduru GP office and submit the duly filled-in form, along with all necessary documents, to the Tagaduru GP office before Apr. 8, according to GP Development Officer.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	108.58 feet
Yesterday	:	108.62 feet
Inflow	:	279 cusecs
Outflow	:	583 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,268.01 feet
Inflow	:	69 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,060 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,823.32 feet
Inflow	:	48 cusecs
Outflow	:	45 cusecs

Husband among two arrested for woman's murder near K.R. Pet

K.R. Pet, Mar. 9 (Srinivas& KS)- K.R. Pet Rural Police, who have solved the murder of a woman, whose chopped body was found in Hemagiri River in the taluk on November last, have arrested two persons including the deceased woman's husband.

While the murdered woman was identified as Asha (28), daughter of Gowrishankar of Deshavalli village in Pandavapura taluk, the arrested are Rangappa, the deceased woman's husband and his relative Chandra.

On Nov. 17, 2020, the chopped body of Asha, which was stuffed in a gunny bag, was found by the villagers in the Hemagiri River canal near Bandihole, who had informed K.R. Pet Rural Police. The body of Asha was chopped into 14 pieces.

The Police, who had conducted mahazar, were unable to establish the identity of the deceased, considered it as an unidentified body, registered a case and took up the investigation.

Victim Asha

Accused Rangappa and Chandra

During investigation, the Police came across a missing complaint lodged by Gowrishankar at Pandavapura Police Station and summoned him to K.R. Pet Rural Police Station, where they showed the photos of the chopped body to Gowrishankar, who identified the body as that of his daughter Asha. He had also expressed his doubts on his son-in-law Rangappa.

The Police, who began to search for Rangappa, came to know that he was absconding and launched a hunt to trace him. Following information that Rangappa was hiding in Bengaluru, K.R. Pet Rural Police, who left for Bengaluru, have arrested him.

During interrogation, accused Rangappa is said to have told the Police that his wife Asha was allegedly having an affair and despite advising her she did not mend her ways. He further told the Police that fed up with her behaviour, he (Rangappa), along with his brother-in-law Chandra, murdered her and chopped her body into pieces with a machete, according to Superintendent of Police (SP) Dr. M. Ashwini.

The SP further said that the accused searched and gave the machete which they had thrown away and the Police have seized a TVS moped used for transporting the body and a bike.

Dy.SP N. Naveen Kumar, Circle Inspector M.K. Deepak, Rural Sub-Inspector Suresh, Town Sub-Inspector B.P. Byatarayagowda, ASI Krishna, Ravikiran and Lokesh, Head Constables B.S. Chandrashekar, B.S. Umesh and Sridhar and Constables S. Arunkumar, Jayavardhan, K. Shivakumar, P. Revanna, Manu and Pradeep, drivers Ravi, Virupaksha and Vasu, Pandavapura Police staff B.J. Revanna and K.P. Chethan took part in the operation.

Woman, daughter go missing from city

Mysuru, Mar. 9- A 26-year-old woman and her six-year-old daughter have gone missing from Lalithadripura in the taluk since Mar. 7.

The missing are Jyothi, wife of Shankar and their youngest daughter Pooja. The couple were married since 12 years and have two daughters.

On Sunday (Mar. 7) afternoon, Jyothi left the house, along with Pooja and had informed her mother that she was going to Mysuru along with her youngest daughter.

They are missing since then, according to the complaint lodged by Shankar.

Jyothi

Pooja

While Jyothi is 5 ft. tall, oily red complexioned and speaks Kannada, Pooja is 3 ft. tall and speaks Kannada.

Those having any information about the missing persons may contact Mysuru South Rural Police Station on Ph: 0821-2520040 or 2444800, according to a press release.

CESC Lineman killed in hit-and-run case

Kollegal, Mar. 8 (KS)- A CESC Lineman was killed, when an unidentified rammed into his bike and sped away near Madhuvanahalli village in the taluk last evening.

T.R. Srinivas

The deceased is T.R. Srinivas (49), a Lineman at Lokkanahalli CESC Office and a resident of Chowdeshwari Temple Street in Kollegal.

After finishing his day's work, Srinivas was proceeding to Kollegal on his bike when a speeding vehicle rammed into his bike and sped away. Though Srinivas was wearing a helmet, it fell due to the impact and as he fell down, Srinivas suffered serious head injuries.

He was rushed to Kollegal Government Hospital where he was provided first-aid and was being rushed to Mysuru where he breathed his last midway.

Though a few say that it was a car that hit Srinivas' bike, it is not confirmed. Kollegal Rural Police, who have registered a case, have launched a hunt to trace the unidentified vehicle.

D.K. Ravi's father passes away

Tumakuru, Mar. 9- **Kariappa** (70), father of late IAS Officer D.K. Ravi, passed away yesterday.

Kariappa, who suffered low blood pressure, collapsed on the ground and was rushed to Huliyurdurga Primary Health Centre, where he was provided first-aid and was later admitted to Kunigal Hospital, where he breathed his last.

Obituary

Prateek T. Telkar

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Prateek T. Telkar (28), a Software Engineer and a resident of Sharadadevinagar, passed away on Feb. 26 at Iowa in USA following a heart attack.

A bachelor, he leaves behind his father N.B. Tukaram, a retired Assistant Executive Engineer at CADA, mother N. Shalini and a host of relatives and friends.

The body is expected to arrive in city tomorrow (Mar. 10) midnight and the last rites will be performed on Mar. 11 at 10 am at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Ammekanda Meenakshi Chinnappa

Ammekanda Meenakshi Chinnappa (Mukkatira), a resident of Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city. She was 91.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

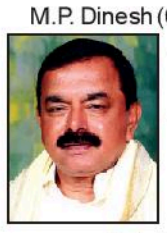
Zainab Bi

Zainab Bi (86), wife of late Abdul Jabbar and a resident of Gayathripuram, passed away on Sunday in city.

She leaves behind five sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

M.P. Dinesh



M.P. Dinesh (61), retired MUDA Assistant Executive Engineer and a resident of MUDA Layout in Ramakrishnanagar, passed away on Feb. 27 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm at Gangada Hosahalli village on Gaddige Road on Feb. 28, according to family sources.

Arya Vysya Political Committee inaugurated

Mysuru, Mar.9 (PM&SD)- With a view to create political awareness among Arya Vysya community and promote those who are interested to join politics, Arya Vysya Political Committee was formed and was inaugurated at Kalamandira here on Sunday last.

MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurated the Committee and addressed the gathering.

Karnataka Arya Vysya Community Development Corporation Chairman D.S. Arun, speaking on the occasion said, "To know more about the population of Arya Vysya community in each district and their living condition, over the last few months, I have been travelling all across the State. Our community members need to participate actively in the political process and voice our demands, which can be fulfilled only if we have political strength and unity."

Earlier, Committee members submitted a memorandum to MLA G.T. Devegowda and urged him to fulfil their demands. The memorandum mentions that over 30 percent of the Arya Vysya families were facing poverty were not supported by the State Government in any way. Over 80 percent of community members are involved in business and other such related fields and are promptly paying taxes. Considering the above, the memorandum urged the State Government to provide proper representation for the community members by actively involving them in various Boards and Corporations, as there are over 10 lakh Arya Vysyas living in the State.

MLAs L. Nagendra and H.P. Manjunath, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Corporators M.V. Ramprasad, M. Satish and M.C. Ramesh, Hon. President of Arya Vysya Political Committee S.K. Dinesh, Committee President K.R. Narayana Murty, Vice-President Saraswathi Prasad, General Secretary Puttu Srinivas and others were present.

GP polls on Mar.29

Bengaluru, Mar. 9- The election to Gram Panchayats (GP) whose term will end in May and to all other vacant GP seats in the State will take place on Mar. 29.

The general GP polls were held across the State in December last but polls did not take place to such GPs whose term had not ended by then. Now, the Election Commission is holding the polls for GPs whose term are set to end in May.

The State Election Commission, which has issued a notification to this effect, said that the Deputy Commissioners of the respective districts will issue poll notification for the GP polls on Mar.15. Last date for filing of nomination papers is Mar.19 and the scrutiny of nomination papers will take place the following day (Mar.20). The last date for withdrawal of nominations is Mar.22 and the polling will take place on Mar.29. The counting of votes will be held on Mar.31.

Polling for GPs whose term will come to an end in May includes Nerlige GP in Arasikere taluk in Hassan, Makavalli GP in K.R.Pet taluk and Belakawadi GP in Malavalli taluk, Mandya; Gonikoppa and Ponnampet GPs in Kodagu.

Polling for 3 vacant seats in Hulimavu GP of Nanjangud taluk, one vacant seat of M.M. Hills GP, 2 seats of Yemmemadu GP and 2 seats of Hothur GP in Madikeri taluk, 4 seats of Thitimathi GP in Virajpet taluk, 3 seats of T. Shettahalli GP in Somwarpet taluk and other vacant GP seats in the State.

Former Mayor seeks

legal action against UoM Physical Education Department faculty

Mysuru, Mar.9 (PM&DM)- Accusing Dr. C. Venkatesh, Associate Professor of Physical Education Department, University of Mysore (UoM), of allegedly harassing his colleague Dr. S. Madialagan, former Mayor Purushotham has demanded legal action against Venkatesh.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Purushotham claimed that Madialagan suffered a minor heart attack on Feb.15 due to harassment and caste abuse by Venkatesh and was admitted at Jayadeva Hospital. Venkatesh, who visited the Hospital a week later on Feb.22, abused and assaulted Madialagan's wife Ramani after she refused to allow him to see her husband, following which she lodged a complaint at V.V. Puram Police Station. Ramani also complained to the State Women's Commission, the UoM authorities, the Governor and the District Minister, he said.

Purushotham charged Venkatesh of targeting SC students academically and also encouraging groupism in the PE Department. The former Mayor urged the UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar to sack Venkatesh and also warned of launching a protest if Venkatesh was not dismissed.

Creativity comes from indepth study, says writer CPK

Mysuru, Mar.9 (PM&DM)- Stating that creativity comes from in-depth studies, veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) said that Rashtrakavi Kuvempu too had carried out extensive research before writing the epic 'Ramayana Darshanam.'

He was speaking at the Halasangi Awards-2019-20 ceremony (Dr. Ramegowda and Dr.Y.C.Bhanumathi) organised by Vijayapura's Halasangi Geleyara Prathishtana in association with District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, at District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar here recently.

Observing that the word 'Research' should be interpreted in a broader scale, Dr. CPK asserted that research hugely helped Kuvempu in scripting the epic.

Halasangi Geleyara Prathishtana Convenor Prof. Doddanna Bhajantri said that Halasangi is a small village in Vijayapura district of North Karnataka.

Mentioning about renowned writer Madhura Chenna, along with his peer writers such as Simpi Linganna and Kapase Devappa, he said that the Prathistana was formed in 2013 in order to carry forward the literary activities of Halasangi Geleyaru.

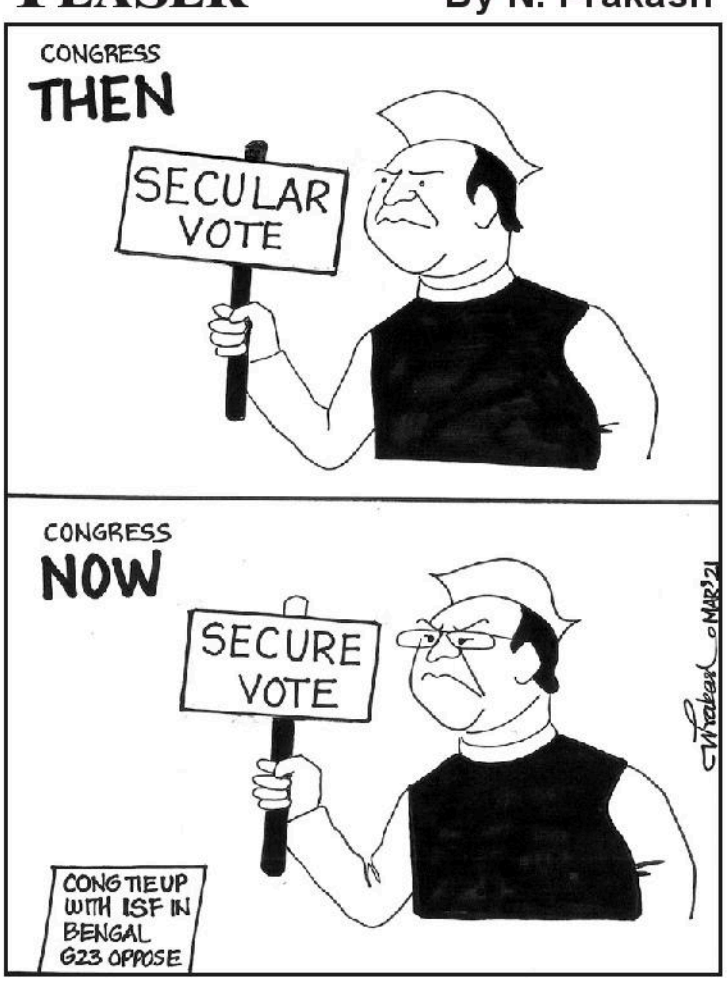
University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, who spoke after conferring the award to Dr. Ramegowda and Dr. Y.C. Bhanumathi, said that Dr. Ramegowda is a great scholar who contributed much for the University's glory. Halasangi Award carries a cash prize of Rs.51,000 each and a citation.

He pointed out that Prof. Ramegowda as a poet, a folk scholar and a Researcher, had brought laurels to the Kannada literary world. Likewise, Research Scholar Dr.Y.C. Bhanumathi too has brought out 60 works through sheer determination and dedication in Editing and Research work, he added.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna delivered the keynote address. City Kannada Sahitya Parishat President K.S. Shivaramu, writers Dr. Jayappa Honnali, K.S. Nagaraju and others were present.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



PRASAD Scheme for Chamundi Hill

MP meets Tourism Additional DG

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (BCT)- The Centre has chosen the iconic Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill under its holistic Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to develop without spoiling its surrounding ecosystem. Rs. 50 crore has been allocated by the Narendra Modi Government but funds have not yet been released.

Taking the issue to high levels, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha met Additional Director General of Tourism Department Rupinder Brar at her office in Transport Bhavan, Parliament Street in New Delhi this morning and apprised the officer about the delay in fund release and also pending works that are to be undertaken at Chamundi Hill.

Listening to the MP's appeal, the officer assured that she would personally visit Mysuru soon after the ongoing Parliament session ends and initiate the process of the fund release, a communiqué from the MP's office said this morning.

PRASAD is a fully Central Government-funded scheme where Rs.100 crore will be granted towards development of temples. It may be recalled here that in 2019, soon after the announcement of the PRASAD Scheme fund allocation, the State Government had initiated the process of identifying the projects to be taken up and among them was a museum-cum-information centre (Integrated Interpretation and Command Centre) at the foot of Chamundi Hill. But the project has not yet taken off.

Dog breeder gifts Belgian Malinois puppy to City Police Dog Squad

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&SSV)- To help Police in crime detection, B.C. Pramod of Mysuru, has gifted a Belgian Malinois puppy to the Dog Squad unit of Mysuru City Police.

The two-month old pup, with utmost agility and super talent, was formally handed over to City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta yesterday.

Pramod, who runs a training centre, 'D-K9 Working Dogs' near Salundi on H.D. Kote Road in the taluk, told *SOM*, "I have gifted this pup to Mysuru City Police to check crime and for investigation of crimes. This breed of dog is used in Army and Para-Military forces as this dog breed is very sharp, active, loyal and obedient. It can be trained in detection of explosives, narcotics, personal protection and behaviour. In VVIP security, instead of keeping gunmen or bouncers, this dog can be kept as it does the role of a trained commander such as pouncing on opponents. It is very useful while transporting heavy amount of cash or jewellery."

He further said, the dog is so strong that it can take on five persons at one time and fight ferociously with enemies. It is a champion in jumping and follows every instruction of its owner, he said and added that the dog will be ready for action within one year of training and once trained for the Police Department, it will be very useful in crime prevention and detection.

Dr. Chandragupta thanked Pramod for gifting the dog to Mysuru City Police Dog Squad. City Armed Reserve (CAR) Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Shivaraj, Dog Squad Inspector K.M. Murthy, Sub-Inspector Suresh, Trainer G. Manju and others were present.

Bengaluru Police have two such dogs and Mysuru Police have received one. Except these two cities, no other city in the State has Belgian Malinois breed.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta receiving Belgian Malinois puppy from B.C. Pramod at the Commissioner's office yesterday.

Known for their super agility, sharp mind and spectacular endurance and aggression, the Belgian Malinois dog breed is a favourite of special forces and enforcement agencies across the world. This breed played an important role in the Osama Bin Laden raid of 2011 and had even chased down ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi through a dark and dangerous tunnel in Idlib, Syria, in 2019.

Unlike German Shepherd, Belgian Malinois are ideal for parachuting and fast-roping out of aircraft because of their smaller frame. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was the first to introduce them in anti-naxal operations. Other Central Armed Police Forces such as the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the National Security Guards (NSG) have since added these canines to their ranks. The NSG had even showcased its Belgian Malinois at the Republic Day parade.

PE teacher assists woman deliver baby girl in city Park

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Then the person handed over the mobile phone to Shobha to talk to the doctor. The doctor asked her if she was ready to assist in delivery of a baby if he gives instructions? Hesitantly, she said, 'yes'.

The shop-keepers immediately spread the plastic tarpaulin on the ground. Within minutes, Mallige delivered a baby girl as Shobha assisted the woman as per doctor's advice. Once the baby was delivered, Shobha did not know what to do with the umbilical cord. At that time, a person brought a blade to cut the cord to which she said 'no' fearing infection. By that time, the ambulance reached the spot with a male nurse. He took both the mother and the new-born inside the vehicle, and cut the cord with the surgical scissor. Later, the duo was shifted to Cheluvamba Hospital, along with two children.

BOTH ARE SAFE

After examining both mother and new-born, Dr. Pramila, Medical Superintendent, Cheluvamba Hospital, told *SOM* that both are given treatment and are safe. After delivery, the woman was weak and she is under treatment. Two children have been given food and they are with their mother. Mallige's brother has been contacted on basis of details available in the 'Thayi' card, and asked him to inform her family members about the delivery.

MUTE SPECTATORS

When this was going on, two ladies and an old woman who were sitting inside the park never came forward to help that pregnant lady. They extended their helping hand after the crowd scolded them for their apathy.

ACB sleuths raid three Officers in Mysuru

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As many as 52 teams headed by jurisdictional Superintendents of Police (SPs) and Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCPs) are carrying out raids at 28 places. The officials under the scanner from Mysuru are K.M. Munigopal Raju, Superintending Engineer, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Channaveerappa, First Division Assistant (FDA) in RTO Office, Lakshmipuram and Subramanya K. Vaddar, Joint Director, Town and Country Planning.

In Mysuru, raids began as early as 6 am and teams from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya are involved in the operation. The raiding teams arrived in city yesterday and stayed in several lodges as tourists on a sight-seeing visit. In the coordinated raids, teams arrived in vehicles and knocked at the doors of the houses at 6 am and the offices were raided after 10 am.

Munigopal Raju's house at Gokulam, office at Kuvempunagar and his native place at Kanakapura in Ramanagara district were raided simultaneously by the team headed by ACP SP Southern Range Arunangshu Giri. Officer Channaveerappa's house at Kuvempunagar in Mandya, RTO Office at Lakshmipuram in Mysuru and native place at Halakere village in Mandya and his mother's house at Vijayanagar Third Stage were also raided by Arunangshu Giri's team.

Officer Subramanya Vaddar's house in Udupi, mother's house in Karwar, rented house in Vijayanagar Third Stage, Mysuru were raided simultaneously by the ACB team led Bopaiah, SP Southern Range.

The other officers whose houses and offices are being raided are Krishnegowda, Project Director, Nirmithi Kendra, Kolar and Chikkaballapura; Hanumantha Shivappa Chikkannanavara, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Belagavi Circle; Raju Pattar, Accounts Officer, GESCOM, Yadgir; K.M. Pratham, Deputy Director, Factories and Boilers, Davanagere Division; Victor Simon, Police Inspector, Bangalore Metropolitan Task Force and K. Subramanyam, Junior Engineer, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

Raids are going on even at the residences of their relatives, said an ACB official.

At Women's Day celebrations, MCC Commissioner calls upon empowered women to empower others

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Bharat Scouts and Guides Mysuru Vice-President Dr. J. Kamala Raman, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, Devaraja PSI Leelavathi, Dr. C. Chaitra of JSS Hospital and Dr. Rashmi of K.R. Hospital, who were felicitated by Mysuru Unit of the Bharat Scouts and Guides at its office near the Deputy Commissioner's office here this morning as part of Women's Day celebrations, are seen with Bharat Scouts and Guides District Chief Commissioner P. Vishwanath, District Commissioner (Guides) Pushpavalli and others.***

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MTY&DM)- Stating that one of the main objectives of International Women's Day celebration is to fete achiever women and thus motivate young women to attain their goals in life, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag called upon the already empowered women to empower others in the society.

She was speaking as the guest of honour at the International Women's Day celebration organised by Mysuru Unit of the Bharat Scouts and Guides at its office near the Deputy Commissioner's office here this morning.

Pointing out that women should stand up to compete with men in all fields on equal terms, Shilpa Nag emphasised on the need for ending gender discrimination and gender inequality at a time when women are making name and fame in almost all sectors through sheer determination and dedication.

Highlighting the importance of developing social concerns at an young age, she said that the youths of today must not wait till they attain the age of majority (18 years) and instead focus on social responsibilities and concerns right from the school days.

Citing the example of Pakistan's Child Rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, who fought for girl child education in her country, where religious fundamentalism ruled the roost, the MCC Commissioner observed that the notion that 'today's children are tomorrow's citizens' should change to 'today's children are also today's citizens,' especially in the backdrop of rapid advancements in technology.

Noting that it is important for all of us to develop sensitivity towards our ecology and environment, Shilpa Nag said that if not, there are dangers that we have to buy naturally available oxygen too in the coming days, just like we are buying bottled water. The springing up of Oxygen Clubs in some of the metropolitan cities is an indication of this, she added.

Earlier, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that women should focus on leading a self-reliant life.

Underlining the significance of International Women's Day, she said that mothers should concentrate more on educating their girl children rather than getting them married off early.

Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Dr. C. Chaitra of JSS Hospital, Dr. Rashmi of K.R. Hospital and Devaraja PSI Leelavathi were felicitated on the occasion along with Bharat Scouts and Guides Mysuru Vice-President Dr. J. Kamala Raman, who presided over the event.

Bharat Scouts & Guides Dist. Chief Commissioner P. Vishwanath, Dist. Commissioner (Scouts) T.S. Ravishankar, District Commissioner (Guides) Pushpavalli, office-bearers Dr. K.B. Gurumurthy, Abdul Jameel, S. Sujaya, T.S. Mohan Kumar and others were present.

'3 mega activities launched as part of Swachh Survekshan'

Speaking to press persons after the programme, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that the process of launching three mega-activities as part of Swachh Survekshan in all the nine Zones of the City Corporation, has started from today.

Pointing out that the Swachh Survekshan to rank the cities of the country in terms of cleanliness and hygiene, started in January this year and will conclude on Mar. 31, she said that already a Central team had visited the city for assessing the city's cleanliness.

Noting that her predecessor Commissioner had launched various activities for making the city get the top rank, she said that such activities will continue and the MCC will be launching a wider awareness and sensitisation programmes for getting a larger number of feedback from the citizens.

Observing that citizen feedback is vital for the city to get the top slot in cleanliness rankings, she called upon the city residents to send feedback and also at the same time concentrate on keeping their premises as well as their vicinity clean and tidy. Underlining the role of citizens for the city to regain the 'Cleanest City' tag, she said that all the citizens should have the concept, objective and responsibility in making Mysuru, the Cleanest City.

Referring to the Deputy Commissioner's announcement that the city will be made a plastic-free city from Apr. 5, with strict enforcement of rules, Shilpa Nag said that the use of a certain category of plastics has been banned as per Solid Waste Management Act, 2016.

Maintaining that the ban on plastics had a partial impact in Mysuru, she said that, however, the use of plastics rose with the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. However, this will be contained in the coming days with increased use of cloth bags and other non-plastic substances.

Noting that alternative arrangements have to be made before enforcement of a strict ban on plastics, she said that women Self Help Groups (SHGs) and other women organisations will be engaged in large-scale manufacture of cloth bags, to meet the demand of the citizens.

Engineering student commits suicide

Nanjangud, Mar. 9 (RS&KS)- A 24-year-old Engineering student has committed suicide by hanging self at the room of his house in Nanjangud Rural Police limits last evening.

Bhuvan

The deceased is Bhuvan, son of Basappa, an agriculturist and Preethi, a teacher, residents of Basavapatha Road, Nanjangud.

The deceased was pursuing his second year BE course at a private Engineering College at Thandavapura in Nanjangud taluk and was to attend the exams from tomorrow.

Nanjangud Rural Police conducted mahazar, registered a case and have shifted the body to Nanjangud Government Hospital for post-mortem.

The reason for Bhuvan to take the extreme step is yet to be known.

LIC employees oppose privatisation moves

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (PM&DM)- Strongly opposing the Government's alleged plans on privatising the giant General Insurance Company, LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) of India, employees staged a demonstration during lunch break in front of LIC's Divisional Office at Millennium Circle on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road yesterday.

Terming the Government's idea that 'listing the LIC in the Share Market will bring transparency' as unscientific, the employees maintained that the LIC was functioning in a transparent manner right from the beginning and there was no need for it to be listed in the Share Market.

They argued that the Central Information Commission's A-Grade Audit Certification of the company is itself a testimony for LIC's functioning.

They urged the Government to scrap the proposal for hiking FDI investment in LIC from 49 percent to 74 percent and also to drop privatisation plans.

Contending that Public Sector Insurance companies have maintained stronghold of the Markets, they demanded the Government to retain the LIC in the Public Sector and not to privatise it for any reason.

Leaders of various LIC Employee Unions S.K. Ramu, S.S. Nagesh, J. Suresh, S. Sridhar, Mohammad Basha, T.T. Niranjanamurthy, B.G. Balaji, S. Venkatraman, Divyananda, D. Puttaswamy, Subramanya and others took part in the protest.

Missing youth's body found in river

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&KS)- The body of a 29-year-old youth, who had gone missing about 20 days ago, was found in a decomposed state in Cauvery River near Mahadevapura on Feb. 16.

The deceased is Yogesh, son of Bettappa and Nagarathna couple, residents of Hinkal in city.

Yogesh had left his house 20 days back and his phone was switched off. As the body was decomposed and unrecognisable, it was difficult for Arakere Police to establish the identity of the deceased and had performed the last rites after post-mortem was conducted. Yogesh's parents, who were summoned by Arakere Police, identified the body as that of Yogesh through the clothes and slippers.

Melodious flute and proficient vocal rendition

Flautist Vid. C.S. Keshavachandra, accompanied by Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin and Vid. T.N. Ajay on ghata, performing as part of 'Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama-2020' on Jan. 16.

Vidwan C.S. Keshavachandra and team presented an online flute recital under the series, 'Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama-2020' of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru. The concert, 11th under the series, was premièred on 16th January, 2021 on the Sabha's YouTube channel.

Hailing from a family of musicians, Keshavachandra, son and disciple of senior musician and flautist, Prof. C.A. Sridhar, has learnt music and is acquiring the techniques of the art from his father. Keshavachandra gave a dignified start to the concert with an Atatala varna of Swathi Thirunal 'Sarasijanabha' in raga Kambhoji and took up a short composition of Mysore Vasudevacharya, 'Pranamamyaham', set to Adi tala with a brief alapana of raga Gowla. The presentation was impressive with apt kalpanaswaras.

One more composition of Swathi Thirunal, 'Sarasijanabha Muraare' was the main item selected for the concert. The rendition in raga Thodi and tala Mishrachapu, unfurled attractively with an elaborate alapana with a matured manodharma and attractive swaraprastara, exhibiting the talent of the artiste.

The popular Devaranama of Purandaradasa in slow tempo, 'Jagadoddharana' (Kapi - Adi) brought a soothing end to the concert.

While **Vidu. C.V. Shruthi**'s competent violin accompaniment enhanced the grace of the concert, the enthusiastic following and thani avarthana by **Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj** on mridanga and **Vid. T.N. Ajay** on ghata complimented the concert well.

On 23rd January, a vocal concert by **Vidu. Harini Ramesh** and team was premièred as the 12th programme of the series. A proven talent in the field of music, Harini had her initial training in classical music from Vidushis M.G. Lakshmi and senior musician Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, and is presently under the tutelage of Vidushis Ranjani and Gayathri, well-known musicians of Chennai.

Harini gave a delightful start to her concert with Daru Varna, 'Mathe Malayadhwaja Pandya Sanjathe' (Kamach - Adi) of Muthiah Bhagavatar. Her musical proficiency was clearly evident from the beginning through the graceful rendition. The next item was a Tamil composition, Periya Saamy Thooran's, 'Muruga Muruga Enral' (Saveri - Mishrachapu). The passionate rendition preceded by a detailed raga alapana, captured the beauty of Saveri in entirety.

The next kriti was 'Korina Vara', a composition of Patnam Subrahmanya Iyer, in raga Ramapriya set to Rupaka tala, which was the highlight of the concert. This challenging raga is hardly opted for concerts, as it has limited scope. Thus having selected this raga as the main item and handled it with ease and technique of a seasoned singer, was a commendable feat for Harini.

This prathimadhyama raga, affluent with karuna and bhakti emotions gleamed brightly in the melodious and elaborate alapana. The beauty of the kriti was elevated by the well-designed neraval and brisk kalpanaswaras. The adept presentation was a testimony to the expertise of the singer. The concert concluded with a Devaranama of Purandaradasa, 'Neenyako Ninna Hangyako' in ragamalike, set to Adi tala.

Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar exhibited her proficiency, responding precisely to the matured singing with her skilled execution on violin.

M.S. Malolasimha displayed his skill on laya while aptly following the manodharma of the singer on mridanga and in thani avarthana. Both the accompanying artistes considerably contributed to the elegance of the concert.

—Vijayamala K. Saralaya

Vidu. Harini Ramesh performing as part of 'Yuva Sangeetha Samb-hrama-2020' on Jan. 23. She is accompanied by M.S. Malolasimha on mridanga and Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin.

Book on women achievers

Entries invited

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Yuvashakti Prakashana, Mysuru, plans to publish a book on talented women achievers of Karnataka as well as outside Karnataka, named 'Kannada Nadina Hemmeya Sadhakiyaru - Samputa-2' in the year 2021. Hence, entries are invited from women achievers in different fields including literature, dance, music, education, medical, fine-art, agriculture, cinema, theatre, journalism and social service.

Applicants can send details of their achievement (typed matter) not excluding four A4-size pages along with a photo, to B. Basavaraju, Publisher, Yuvashakti Prakashana, Sri Bireshwara Nilaya, No. 2318/1, K-2, 7th Cross, Basaveshwara Road, Agrahara, Mysuru - 570004. For details, contact Mob: 90368-39706, according to a press release.

Mysuru gets Cyber Security Centre of Excellence

CII Mysuru hosts Conference on 'Impact of Cyber Security in Post-Pandemic Digital World'

From left: Amit Kumar, then Chairman, CII Mysuru; U.B. Pravin Rao, COO, Infosys; Yaduveer Wadiyar of royal family; Dr. Omkar Rai, Director-General, STPI and Pavan G. Ranga, then Vice-Chairman, CII Mysuru.

Mysuru, Mar. 9- "Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CoE) will work as a potential accelerator and key driver in ground-breaking product development in this segment by fostering start-ups and young innovators," said Dr. Omkar Rai, Director-General, STPI, while announcing the Cyber Security CoE at STPI's new facility in Mysuru during the CII Mysuru Annual IT Conference held here recently.

Delivering the keynote address, U.B. Pravin Rao, COO of Infosys, mentioned that since the pandemic, there is a huge surge in cyber attacks and Work From Home (WFH) has become more vulnerable for getting hacked, as many WFH systems will not have required protection from the cyber attacks.

Rao also stated that there were more than 300 percent increase in cyber attacks since the pandemic. By 2025, the spending on cyber services alone will touch 100 billion dollars. Continuing, he said that, by 2030, the cyber products market will reach 35 billion dollars which is currently a 4 billion dollar market and there is a huge shortage of cyber talents today which gives the relevance of a Cyber Security CoE.

Yaduveer Wadiyar of Mysuru royal family said that Mysuru has been spearheading changes for India with bringing-up great institutions of everlasting value and the Cyber Security CoE will bring everlasting value to the country.

Amit Kumar, then Chairman, CII Mysuru, expressed his happiness to be associated with like-minded institutions to promote Mysuru as a pioneer in Cyber Security field and added that Mysuru has all the potential to become as a Cyber Security Hub of the country.

Addressing the Conference, Pavan Ranga, then Vice-Chairman of CII Mysuru, said that currently most of the business activities are held online and all such activities generated data, which is available online and vulnerable to cyber attacks.

Defence sector is going to be more of cyber war than a physical one. Cyber security is a human issue and we need to look at the way we look at it and handle it wisely, Ranga said.

Praveen Rao Pejaver of CII Mysuru, stated that the new norm during and after the pandemic is and will be even more dependent on a secure and reliable cyberspace.

Later in the conference, Prof. S. Sadagopan, Director, IIITB, spoke on the Personal Data Protection Law (PDPA 2020) and the Data Security.

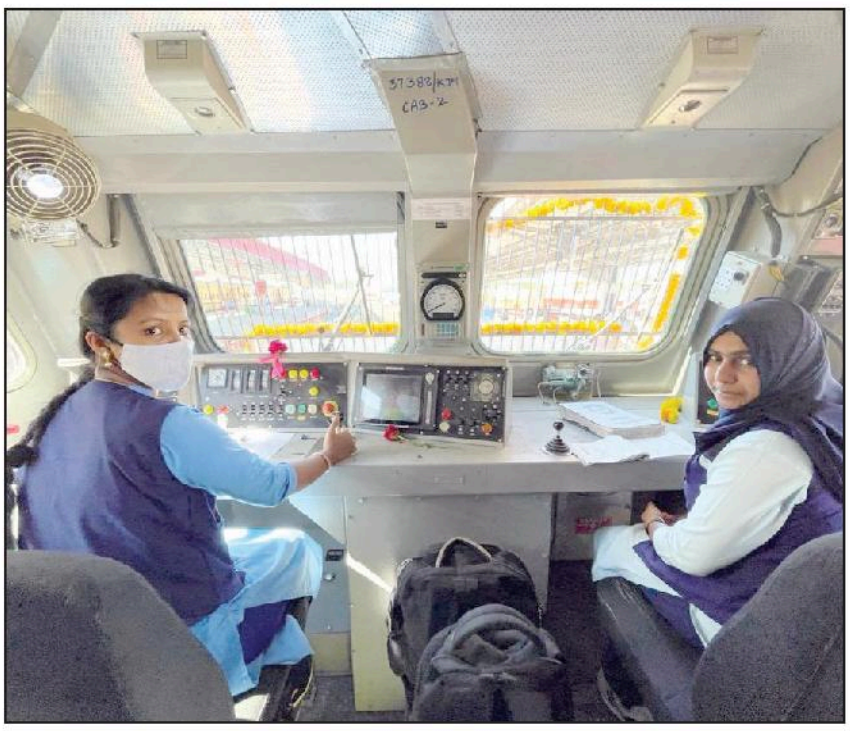
Bikash Barai, Co-founder Cigital and Co-founder, FireCompass (a TEDx Speaker), spoke on Cloud Computing aspect in Cyber Security while Sandip Kumar Panda addressed on how the pandemic has impacted cyber space in the world and how vulnerable is the data and privacy today.

In the panel discussion, P. Rajshekar, Director, ISAC, Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, MD & CEO of Lahari, the ESDM Cluster in Mysuru and Bharat Raigangar, General Manager, Cybersecurity & Risk Services, Wipro Limited, discussed about opportunities and benefits from Cyber Security CoE.

The Conference was attended by more than 300 participants from Mysuru, Bengaluru and other cities.

International Women's Day

All-women crew runs B'luru-bound train



Mysuru, Mar. 9 (SSV)- The Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) celebrated International Women's Day in a novel way by running an all-women crew of a train yesterday.

The authorities decided to run Train No 06535 Mysuru-Solapur Golgumbaz Express with all-women crew, comprising loco pilot and assistant loco pilot, guard, ticket checking staff and security personnel. Through this they wanted to stress railway's commitment to create a gender equal workforce to achieve all-round development of organisation.

Divisional Railway Manager of SWR Mysuru, Rahul Agarwal, President of South Western Railway Women Welfare Organisation (SWRWWO) Pooja Agarwal and other members of SWRWWO flagged off the train.

The DRM felicitated the women crew who operated train at Mysuru City Railway Station. As part of the day-long celebrations, the Mysuru New Goods Terminal Station was managed by all-women staff comprising operations and safety staff.

Agarwal said over 10 percent of the workforce in the Division are women and the primary focus was to bring about a qualitative change in the work culture by creating a gender equal environment.

The DRM reminded women employees that work speaks more than words and called upon everyone to excel in their respective fields so that there would be perceptible change in the standard of service provided by Railways.

A. Devasahayam, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (General), B. Srinivasulu, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infrastructure & Operations), all the branch officers and staff attended the function.

Onboard women crew consisted of Sirisha, Loco Pilot, M.V. Indupriya, Assistant Loco Pilot, Anusha, Guard, Gayathri, Deputy Chief Ticket Inspector, C.L. Rini, Sr. Ticket Examiner.

The Ticket Checking Squad comprised: Anitha, Dy. Chief Ticket Inspector, S.N. Rajeshwari, Dy. Chief Ticket Inspector, Thippavva Sannakki, Dy.Chief Ticket Inspector, Railway Protection Force (RPF) Women staff Renuka, Head Constable and K.L. Navya, Constable.

The International Women's Day programmes at Divisional level was inaugurated by Pooja Agarwal, President, SWRWWO.

Speaking on the occasion, she said though women have made tremendous progress in all fields, they need to empower themselves and a call to motivate and influence others with whom they come in contact.

A seminar on 'Women Health and Nutrition' by Dr. K. Sowmya, Associate Professor and Consultant/ Obstetrics and Gynaecology, JSS Medical College was also conducted. Cultural, sports competitions and various other entertainment programmes were held to build a gender equal workplace and to salute the spirit of women empowerment in all spheres of working.

FELICITATION

The DRM felicitated 14 women employees for their exemplary work during the COVID 19 pandemic period. Pooja Agarwal honoured 13 meritorious women employees of Mysuru Division who have excelled in their duties. Similar recognition of outstanding women employees was done at different stations of Mysuru Division.

Guest lecture by doctor

Guest speaker Dr. Rama is seen with** (from left) **Rtn. Manjunath, Rotary Brindavan Secretary, Rtn. Prakash Hansoge, Past President, Usha, School Principal and a School staff.

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Rotary Mysore Brindavan celebrated Women's Day by organising a talk by Dr. Rama, an eminent gynaecologist and active environmentalist.

The doctor gave a talk on menstrual hygiene and different ways of protective means during those days. The beneficiaries were girl students of Rotary Brindavan.

Talk at Rotary Centre tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Rotary Mysore Midtown, Rotary Mysore North and Rotary Brindavan have organised a guest lecture tomorrow (March 10) at Rotary Centre, JLB Road, at 7 pm.

Guest speaker Ganaraja Bhat Kedilla from Hindu Jagarana Vedike, Puttur, will be talking on the subject "Come, Let's together build a strong India," according to a press release from Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. A. N. Aiyanna.

Successful women entrepreneurs and Best Girl Students felicitated

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Canara Bank, Regional Office-2, Mysuru, Maharani's College for Commerce and Management, Mysuru and RUDSETI, Hinkal, Mysuru jointly organised a programme commemorating the International Women's Day on Mar. 8.

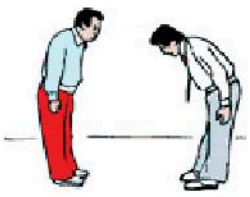
K. Susheela, Project Director, Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru, H.K. Gangadhar, Regional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office-2, Mysuru and Dr. G.H. Mahadeva Swamy, Principal, Maharani's College for Commerce and Management, jointly inaugurated the event.

In the programme RUDSETI-trained successful women entrepreneurs and Best Girl Students from the College were felicitated. K.C. Divyashree, Chief Superintendent, Mysuru Jail, K.N. Ananda Nayaka, Director, RUDSETI, Prof. Vanitha, Prof. Tulasi, H.P. Giridhar, Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office-2, Mysuru, Dr. Somanna, Head, Department of Commerce were present on the occasion.

Totally, 550 girl students participated in the programme. Meghasri compered the programme and Roopa proposed a vote of thanks.

WORD OF THE DAY

Deference



Pronunciation: DEF-uh-runss.
Meaning: Respect and esteem due to a superior or an elder; also : affected or ingratiating regard for another's wishes.
Origin: We need to be specific when we tell you that deference and defer both derive from the Medieval Latin dēferre, which means "to convey, show respect, submit to a decision," because there are two defers in the English language. The defer related to deference is typically used with to in contexts having to do either with allowing someone else to decide or choose something, as in "I'll defer to the experts," or with agreeing to follow someone else's decision, wish, etc., as when a court defers to precedent. The other defer traces to the Latin differre, meaning "to carry away in varying directions, spread abroad, postpone, delay, be unlike or distinct." That defer is typically used in contexts having to do with delaying or postponing something, as in "a willingness to defer the decision until next month."
Example: "The 41-page filing answered government arguments that appeals rules give trial judges a lot of deference to make findings about facts, such as whether a juror is following court rules." — Steve Patterson, The Florida Times-Union (Jacksonville, Florida), 19 Jan. 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Dacryops

Wateriness of the eyes.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't count your chickens before they hatch

Meaning: This is an old saying that means you shouldn't get your hopes up or make plans based only on assumptions because that can lead to disappointment.
Origin: This expression goes back to at least the 16th century, which means it is at least 448 years old. It's earliest known appearance in print (from what I've seen) is in a book called New Sonnets and Pretty Pamphlets by Thomas Howell, 1570:
"Counte not thy Chickens that vnhatched be,
Waye wordes as winde, till thou finde certaintee."
If you were in possession of a chicken and it laid three eggs, does that mean you will soon have three more chickens? If you said yes, well, as the saying goes, don't count your chickens before they hatch. But why?
Because it is not guaranteed that all three of those chickens will hatch successfully and live. Complications can arise that result in them dying before they even have a chance to hatch. Thus, out of those three eggs, maybe only two of them survive. Or maybe none at all if things go really poorly.

QUOTE BOX

If you dream of becoming an eagle, you follow your dreams and not the words of a bunch of chickens. **—Penny Johnson Jerald**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

GRASS GRASS

Answer: The grass is greener on the other side.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Messy dresser
5 Able to be entered
9 Facial twitch
12 Cougar
13 Member of the African Bantu tribe
14 Old French coin
15 Ireland
16 Impede
18 Keeps waiting
20 River islet
21 Maiden name prefix
22 The extreme limit
25 Senegalese seaport
28 Seller-Furnished Equip.
29 Novel
30 Sister of Osiris
31 Start of a vol. 1 heading
32 Cold coating
33 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
34 Anatomical pouch
35 Prima ___ : at first sight of evidence?
36 Send a message
38 May in France
39 Online laugh
40 35th president of the U.S
44 American lift
47 Cattle shed
48 Go to ___ : become a sailor?
49 Othello for one?
50 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
51 2014 IPL champions
52 Having the stains from a fountain pen, perhaps?
53 Shed tears

SUNDAY'S ANSWER

I	C	E	S	■	L	E	I	■	Q	U	I	P
F	R	I	T	T	E	R	S	■	U	R	S	A
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■	■	■	W	O	K	■	A	M	B	U	S	H
R	A	Z	E	D	■	K	N	E	E	■	■	■
A	V	I	D	■	I	N	D	I	C	T	S	■
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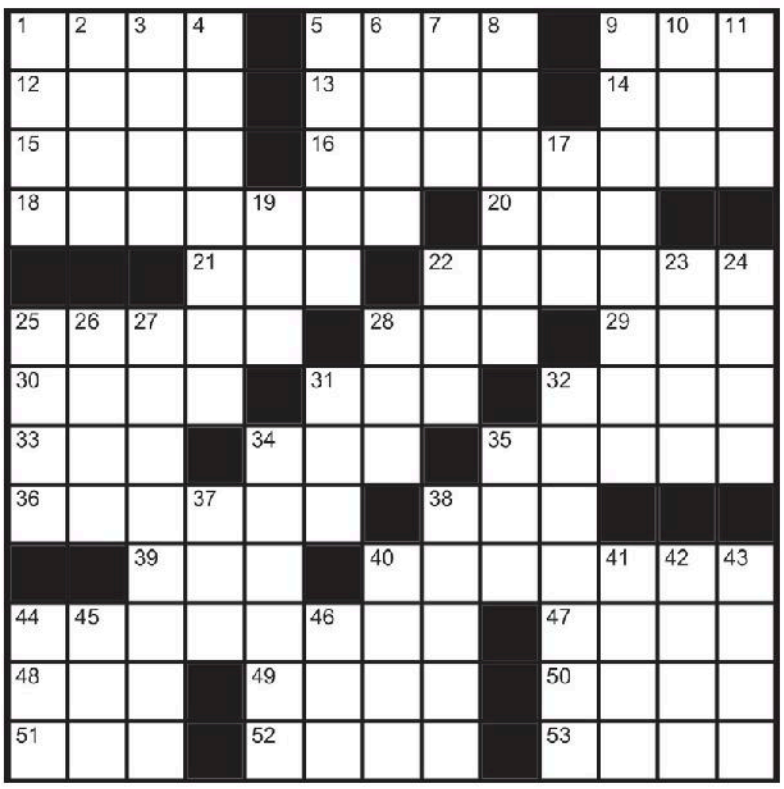
O	D	E	A	■	I	N	O	F	F	I	C	E
O	M	E	R	■	T	A	C	T	I	C	A	L
T	I	D	Y	■	E	L	K	■	L	Y	R	E

DOWN

1 Hurried or ran past, in a way?
2 Enticement or attraction
3 Leave out
4 Tropical fruits
5 Atmospheric gas
6 Bars
7 Electronic Library Sys.
8 Exhibit an oscillatory movement of the axis of a rotating body
9 Germanic
10 International Cricket Council, in short
11 Sever
17 Border
19 Comparative ending ?
22 Flying Saucer?
23 A word meaning 'half'
24 Affectedly dainty
25 Ex-Sri Lankan batsman Roy __
26 An Italian wine
27 Great Bard's famous tragedy (4,4)
28 State Trdg. Corp.
31 East Indian shrub
32 Natural coloured arc
34 Italian sausage
35 Devoted follower
37 Calendar abbr.
38 Joyous
40 An eccentric
41 Aussie lake
42 Suffer or endure
43 The cry of a dog in pain
44 A river of Scotland
45 A monetary unit of Albania
46 Large weight



SUDOKO

			1				6	
9	1			2			7	
		2		3		9		
			9		8			1
	9	3		1		7	4	
1			3		7			
		6		7		1		
	7			8			2	5
	5				2			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	3	5	4	6	2	7	8	9
7	4	6	9	8	3	2	5	1
9	2	8	1	5	7	6	4	3
8	5	1	7	2	9	3	6	4
2	6	7	8	3	4	9	1	5
4	9	3	5	1	6	8	2	7
3	7	2	6	4	1	5	9	8
6	8	4	3	9	5	1	7	2
5	1	9	2	7	8	4	3	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ATCMR DGCMOGN, PL NUS ATCMR MV MGG; DMOHC

CHCON IUOF XCLUOC NUS GCV PV LMGG.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS U

Sunday's Cryptoquip: People will buy anything that is one to a customer.

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR. 10)

- **Shagun's Weavers Works:** Exhibition-cum-Sale of silk products from across the country, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
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- **Balaji Theatre** **Ph: 2497199**
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- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Pogaru (K) - *4 shows*
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 9986022634**
  Pogaru (K) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
  Scary Forest (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Raya & The Last Dragon (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 1 pm, 3.15 pm, 5.25 pm, 7.40 pm
A1 Express (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Devineni (Te)	(S-2)	11.05 am
Anbirkiniyal (Ta)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 4.10, 9.55 pm
Vellam The Essential Drink (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
MBA (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Gamjaal (Tulu)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Yuvam (Ma)	(S-4)	11.10 am
Hero (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm, 7.20 pm 9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Chaos Walking (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 3.45 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 pm
A1 Express (Te)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Nenjam Marapathillai (Ta)	(S-3)	9.00 pm
Hero (K)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 6.30 pm
	(S-4)	3.00 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 2 pm, 5.30 pm
	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	12.10 pm; (S-4) 6 pm
Tom and Jerry (E)	(S-1)	3.40 pm
Raktha Gulabi (K)	(S-4)	12.00 noon

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Hero (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.15 pm
	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Raktha Gulabi (K)	(S-2)	2.00 pm
Dheeram (K)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	7.00 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
	(S-4)	2.15 pm, 5.30 pm, 8.45 pm
Raya & The Last Dragon (E-3D)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 4.00 pm, 6.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2021

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

CAVAROZZI

for M. Govindappa Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Following are the selections for the 12th Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (March 10, 2021):

1.	2.00 PM	**THE SPLASH PLATE**
		1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25
		1. MONTE GRECO 2. NAVAL WRESTLER
2.	2.30 PM	**THE SOLITAIRE PLATE**
		1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25
		1. DOUBLE TROUBLE 2. AIR VELOCITY
3.	3.00 PM	**THE ELLORA PLATE**
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. ROYAL DESIGN 2. NEXT LEVEL
4.	3.30 PM	**THE CHRISTMAS PLATE**
		1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. SHE'S A TIGER 2. SCARLET PRINCESS
5.	4.00 PM	**THE HALEBEEDU PLATE**
		1400 mts. - 3 years (Terms)
		1. RED CAPRI 2. MANY MOONS
6.	4.30 PM	**THE M. GOVINDAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY**
		2000 mts. - rated 60 and above
		1. CAVAROZZI 2. MAKE MY WAY
7.	5.00 PM	**THE CHITRADURGA PLATE**
		1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65
		1. HUKUM 2. BROWN BEAUTY
8.	5.30 PM	**THE MANGALAGANGOTRI PLATE**
		1600 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. ASTROLOGER 2. RAUCH
9.	6.00 PM	**THE KANDALA PLATE**
		1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65
		1. OPTIMISTIC APPROACH 2. PAPADOKIA

DAY'S BEST: *CAVAROZZI*

DOUBLE: *1. RED CAPRI 2. ASTROLOGER*

JACKPOT: *5, 6, 7, 8, 9*

I-TREBLE: *1, 2, 3* ***II-TREBLE:*** *4, 5, 6* ***III-TREBLE:*** *7, 8, 9*

EXACTAS: *8, 9*

—Tipster PGC

Mysuru shooters shine at State Championship

The shooters of Mysore District Rifle Association, Mysuru, have bagged medals in the recently held State Shooting Championship at Padukone-Dravid Centre of Sports Excellence in Bengaluru. The medal winners — (standing from left) Mohammed Jaffer Ali Khan (Silver Medals in Individual-Men and Team-Men categories); M. Sathish (Gold in Individual-Junior); Nishanth P. Jamadagni (Gold in Individual-U-14 and Silver Medals in Individual-Youth & Team-Men Categories; S. Sumukh (Silver in Team-Men) — are seen with their Coach and Mysore District Rifle Association Secretary M.S. Suresh.

ISL 2020-21

Mumbai City book maiden final berth

Bambolim, Mar. 9- Mumbai City FC booked their berth in the final of Hero ISL 2020-21 after beating FC Goa 6-5 on penalties at the GMC Stadium yesterday.

With nothing to separate the sides following a 0-0 scoreline (2-2 aggregate) after extra time, Rowllin Borges scored the match-winning penalty during sudden death to send the Islanders to their first-ever ISL final.

Hero of the Match: Despite being on the losing side, Ivan González won the award following a solid display at the back for the Gaurs. Playing out of position at right-back, Gonzalez put on a defensive masterclass and completed a successful tackle, 3 successful interceptions, 3 blocks and 4 clearances.

Winning Pass of the Match: Saviour Gama (FC Goa).

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE — IMG RELIANCE STAR

SEMI-FINALS (Leg 2 of 2)

Today's Match (March 9)

ATK MOHUN BAGAN
Vs
NORTHEAST UNITED
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

MUMBAI CITY - 0 (6)
Beat
GOA - 0 (5)

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